

opment and improvement seemed scarcely begun in this section of the state and the family shared in the hardships of frontier life. Mr. Ashley continued upon the old homestead farm and developed it most successfully to the time of his death, which occurred in 1898. His widow survived him for about fourteen years, passing away in 1912.

John G. Ashley was reared on the old homestead and mastered the branches of learning taught in the rural schools. When he had reached his majority he went into the Wisconsin pineries in 1880 and there remained for three years, thus making his initial step in the business world. In 1883 he returned home and worked with his father up to the time of his marriage, after which he located on his present farm, having previously purchased eighty acres of land soon after his return from the Wisconsin pineries, thus making investment of his savings. Today his farm is an excellent tract of one hundred and sixty acres, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation, for he has carefully, systematically and wisely developed his fields. He is a member of the Beaver Valley Farmers Equity Association of Bassett and is accounted one of the representative agriculturists and business men of his district.

In April, 1893, Mr. Ashley was united in marriage to Miss Mary P. Ferguson, of Floyd county, Iowa, who passed away in July, 1911, leaving four children: John E., Ralph W., Ray and Lloyd, all of whom are yet with their father.

In his political views Mr. Ashley has always been an earnest republican but has never sought nor desired office. He is classed with the leading and well known citizens of Deerfield township, his many friends attesting the sterling worth of his character.

REV. CHARLES B. GOETZINGER.

Rev. Charles B. Goetzinger, pastor of St. Boniface church of Ionia, was born in Luxemburg, Dubuque county, Iowa, on the 18th of June, 1877, and is a son of Nicholas and Catherine (Gutenkauf) Goetzinger, both of whom were natives of Greiveldingen in the grand duchy of Luxemburg. The father came to the United States in 1867 and took up his abode at Luxemburg, Iowa, becoming the pioneer blacksmith of that place. He was married in Luxemburg on the 14th of February, 1871, his wife having come to this country in 1850 with her parents when an infant of but three months. They, too, settled in Luxemburg, where the daughter was reared to womanhood. By her marriage she became the mother of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, of whom one son and one daughter died in infancy, while the others, seven sons and two daughters, are still living. Of these, three brothers are proprietors of the extensive wagon manufacturing industry at Dyersville, Iowa, conducted under the name of the Nic. Goetzinger Sons Company. Two other brothers are engaged in the general dairy business at Dougherty, Iowa, and the youngest brother, Rev. F. William Goetzinger, is a priest, now acting as assistant pastor at St. Lucas, Iowa. The elder daughter of the family is a sister in St. Francis Convent at La Crosse, Wisconsin, having charge of the X-ray department, and the younger sister is acting as housekeeper for her brother, Rev. Charles B. Goetzinger, and is also organist of the parish at Ionia.

Father Goetzinger of this review acquired his classical education in St. Lawrence College at Mount Calvary, Wisconsin, and pursued his philosophical course at St. Joseph's College of Dubuque, Iowa, while his theological studies were mastered at St. Francis Seminary of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. On the 22d of June, 1902, he was ordained to the priesthood by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Els of Marquette, Michigan, after which he was given his first charge as assistant at St. Mary's church in Dubuque. Later he was sent to Lyons and to Clinton, Iowa, as assistant and subsequently was assigned to missionary work in Oklahoma and Texas, to which he devoted the succeeding ten years. He then returned to Iowa and was appointed assistant to Father W. Sassen of Petersburg, who was in ill health, so that the duties of the parish fell entirely upon Rev. Goetzinger. On the 26th of May, 1916, the latter was sent to Ionia as pastor of St. Boniface church, over which congregation he has since presided.

Rev. Goetzinger is not only one of the most popular of the Catholic clergy in